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We would like to start this New Year out right by being the first to wish all of you in the Potawatomi Nation a very happy New Year and the BEST year ever! The Potawatomi people have much to be thankful for and many things to look forward to relative to future tribal programs and events. We would like to take this opportunity to communicate to you some of these programs and events. In doing so, the attempt is made to accurately reflect the progress of on-going programs and events and the potential of prospective ones.

The rich cultural heritage of the Potawatomi is being reviewed by the Potawatomi Historical Committee, which is now meeting on a regular monthly basis. One of the purposes of the meetings is to assist Judith Michener in the writing of Part Two of "Kinan Chikote", an historical drama. We are going to present this Potawatomi Drama again this year, the weekend of our annual Pow-Wow and General Council meeting. Those of you who participated last year or who were a part of the audience know what a fine production it was and how thrilling it was to actually see the Potawatomi history dramatically presented on stage. This year's drama promises to be even greater. Anybody interested in joining Priscilla Sherard, our Tribal Historian, and many others in these historical meetings is certainly invited to do so.

The "Native American Children's Center", (NACC) our newly funded Office of Education Title IV Project, is growing rapidly in stature and size. The number of children enrolled has increased to 57, with still a long waiting list! We would like to introduce you to the program staff, whom we are very proud to have on board. They are: Annette Van Dusen, Director; John Hurlburt, Social Worker; Mary Roberts, Nurse; and Bee Onzawah, Laura Onzawah, Clara John, Pauline Wapepah, Gwen Walker, and George Switch, Teachers. The parents of the children are really getting involved, and they are greatly contributing their time and efforts toward the program. At the last Parents' Advisory Board meeting, Chuck Duncan was elected President, and Myra Wilson was elected Secretary - Treasurer. The Center has recently acquired four part-time helpers, Sallee Hughes, Laurie Bruno, Nita Baptiste, and La Donna Barrett, from the tribe's Youth-Work-Learn Program. With the welcomed addition of this new staff, NACC is now able to stay open on Saturdays and enable parents to do their Christmas shopping. NACC had a Christmas party for all the children and their families on Saturday, December 18, and you have never seen so many shining, beaming faces to greet Santa Claus!

The Community Health Representatives (CHRs) would like input from tribal members as to the kinds of health programs for which they desire more information. The CHRs convey the information that heads of households who need glasses should come to the Indian Health Clinic in Shawnee. They also relate that those individuals who are having problems in making rent payments need to call a CHR. As usual, the CHRs stand ready to meet all your particular needs and desires. Jo Nell Negahnquet and Wanita Clifford have just returned from 10 days of training for "Emergency Primary Care" Specialist, and they are quite enthused about this learning experience. Lillian Lang and Markeeta Rumsey have now successfully completed their CHR Basic Training in Tucson, Arizona. In case anybody does not realize this, our CHRs do their regular CHR responsibilities; but, in addition, they are being trained in specialty areas. Jo Nell Negahnquet is trained as a nutritionist and Wanita Clifford as geriatrics specialist. The area of mental health is being specialized by Markeeta Rumsey, and Lillian Lang is being extensively trained in mental health and alcoholism. Not to be overlooked is Director, Mary Kingsbury, who sees to it that the CHR Program is meeting its objectives and that the CHRs receive this speciality training. The

Potawatomi has just greatly learned that its CHR Program has been approved for an additional CHR position in 1977!

The popular Arts and Crafts Program of the tribe is into its busiest season of the year, with all the students wanting to create their own Christmas presents for family members and friends. Buck Tasier and Catherine Moelk, Instructors, are enjoying teaching all the students their expertise in the art of leather tooling and beadmaking.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs recently agreed to accept a loan guarantee application for 12.5 million dollars from our tribe. They are currently reviewing the application, and Gerald Peltier has been assured that if the project proves to be as presented, the Bureau will extend a loan guarantee to the tribe. On December 9, 1976, the Business Committee was given an historical file of the project to review prior to their vote on the matter.

The Environmental Health Maintenance Program continues on in its normal, busy pace. The specific activities with which it is involved in this second year of operation include minor house repairs, plumbing and electrical services, carpentry, backhoe service, and brushhog service. Some of these services are limited in the city limits, but all are available for a nominal fee by calling the CHR Program. Dwight Cotton, the Environmental Health Specialist, has just returned from an enlightening week's training session that dealt with heating systems, water systems, percolation testing, and water softening. He is now very eager to practice what he learned!

The tribe was recently quite proud to host an Indian art exhibit for one of its famous Potawatomi artists, Woodrow (Woody) Crumbo. For those of you who are not familiar with Woody's art work, it is well worth taking the time and effort to search out. Woodrow Crumbo was a fore-runner in Indian art in this country, and he has done much to promote Indian art nationwide. Mr. Crumbo has also worked extensively as a museum curator. The Potawatomi staff hopes to work closely with Woody in the future in development of the Potawatomi Museum and in obtaining funds for this purpose. The Potawatomi Tribe does now have a beautiful museum which has lots of potential for becoming a focal point for Indian art in this geographical area.

The tribe's Multi-Purpose Center Program for older adults was recently turned over to the City of Shawnee. We are glad to have shared in the establishment of this worthwhile program for older adults in Shawnee and plan to continue having input into the City's program. The Potawatomi Maxi-Bus, which provides transportation to older adults and handicapped children, can still be seen on Shawnee streets each day being proudly driven by David Pecore.

The tribe was recently funded for its own Indian Action Team Program, in the amount of \$94,762.00, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We are in the process of hiring a Director and searching out potential students, who will be paid stipends while in training. This excellent job training program will be operated in conjunction with Gordon Cooper Vocational-Technical School in Shawnee to provide classroom training to Potawatomi students in three different areas. The first area of concentration is a "Home Improvement" Program, which will offer classroom experience and, then, on-the-job training in carpentry, electricity, plumbing, and masonry. This class starts January 24, 1977, and ten dedicated students are needed by that time. Secondly, a "Machine Operator Training" course will be an area of concentration. Fifteen students are sought for this class, which will start in early February. The third area offering is for "Diversified Occupations", courses of the students' own choosing, for ten students. The Indian Action Team Program will work in conjunction with the recently funded "Campaign for Human Development" Program and the tribe's Home Improvement Program (HIP). A common goal of all three programs is to renovate, repair, and improve older Potawatomi tribal member's houses. If you have interest in enrolling as a student in this program or in acquiring further information about the program, please let us know.

Tribal Operations has now completed an extensive survey with tribal members which gives the tribe valuable socio-economic and housing information on tribal members in the Shawnee Bureau of Indian Affairs geographical area. Under the direction of Beverly Hughes, 452 Potawatomi families were interviewed relative to condition and location of house, family members, occupations, educational level, and many other items. Our praise goes out to Pat Barnhart, Mona Barrett, Sallee Hughes, John Barnhart, Rick Baptiste, Susie Negahnquet, and La Donna Barrett for successfully completing the project! If any tribal member lives in this specified area and has not been surveyed, please contact the tribal office.

The Title X Program, known as the Native Pecan Enterprise, will be completed at the end of January. Tribal staff are making efforts to obtain funds to extend and expand this program for another year. The Pecan Grove and all the surrounding tribal land surely holds promise for being one of the most beautiful parks in this whole area!

Marge and Leroy Neddeau are presently representing the tribe in the Shawnee Public School Systems' program to integrate Potawatomi history into the general curriculum of the school system. The interest in Potawatomi history was recently reflected also in a course offered to the general public by Father Murphy at St. Gregory's College in Shawnee. Education is certainly a top priority with Potawatomi staff. The tribe was represented in October at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) meeting in Albuquerque by Annette Van Dusen, Director of the Native American Children's Center, and Jan Shanklin. We hope to continue growing in number and quality of education programs for the tribal members.

Last, but certainly not least, we want to relate to you the latest information about the pending Potawatomi per capita payment. The tribe's Payment Plan, as adopted by the Business Committee by a vote of 3 to 2, is being enclosed in this newsletter for your information. We expect the Hearing of Record to be held sometime in February or March.

We invite you to drop by your tribal office at any time you have any question or just want to talk. Our staff is enthusiastic with their work and would gladly share information with you. We work FOR you and would like to work WITH you!



Jan Shanklin
Administrative Planner

PER CAPITA PLAN

I. Eighty percent (80%) of the funds awarded to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma from Dockets 15-K, 29-J, 217, 15-M, 29-K, and 146, together with the interest accrued on said 80%, minus attorney fees and litigation expenses, will be distributed on a per capita basis to eligible members of the tribe. Tribal rolls will be updated to insure the eligibility of all members submitted for the per capita payment.

The tribe will prepare a payment roll, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative, of all persons who meet the eligibility requirements of the Tribal Constitution, as amended, and who are living as of midnight on the date of approval of this plan. A person shall have forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of approval of this plan to complete his enrollment.

The per capita shares of living competent adults shall be paid directly to them. The per capita shares of legal incompetent adults, and persons under other legal disability, shall be placed in individual Indian money (IIM) accounts and handled under 25 CFR 104.5.

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The per capita shares of deceased individual beneficiaries shall be determined and distributed in accordance with 43 CFR, Part 4, Subpart D.

Minors' per capita shares, including all investment income accruing thereto, shall be retained in individually segregated IIM accounts and shall not be disbursed until the minor attains the age of eighteen years, or the minors' shares, including all investment income, shall be placed in a private trust as approved by the Secretary. In those cases wherein a minor would reach the age of eighteen within six months after establishment of a trust, such funds shall instead be retained in an IIM account. Upon reaching the age of eighteen, unless under a legal disability, the beneficiary shall be entitled to withdraw the per capita share and accrued investment income thereon as provided in 25 CFR 104.3. If a beneficiary is under a legal disability upon attaining the age of eighteen, the per capita share and accrued investment income thereon shall be handled pursuant to 25 CFR 104.5.

All per capita shares which remain unclaimed with the Federal Government shall be held in trust for a full six years, as provided by the Act of September 22, 1961, (75 Stat. 584). After this period of time the unclaimed shares, enhanced by investment, will revert to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma. Upon reverting to the tribe, these shares plus the interest they have earned, will be added to the perpetual trust funds identified in Part II of this plan. The annual interest from these unclaimed shares will thereafter be fed into the college scholarship program.

II. The program aspects of this plan consists of placing twenty percent of the total awards, together with any investment income accrued, over \$36,000, in a perpetual trust to earn the highest rate of interest available. The \$36,000 held out will be advanced to the tribe by the Secretary of the Interior, upon the submission of a budget, so the program can be implemented as soon as possible. The income from this trust will be used as follows:

A. Fifty percent (50%) of the annual income from the trust will be used for the acquisition of Prosthetics appliance for tribal members who through loss of limbs, bone diseases, or other causes have been rendered incapable of serving themselves, or of ambulation without the use of artificial limbs, braces, or other appropriate substitutes for missing or disabled parts.

B. Fifty percent (50%) of the annual income from the trust will be used as a college scholarship fund for members of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians who have the potential to succeed as college students. The percentage of the annual investment income for this program will be increased when the unclaimed shares, aforementioned, are eventually added to the perpetual trust.